

**BELIZE AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AUTHORITY  
ANIMAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**NOTES AND CONDITIONS: QA/P/6.03/L05**

## **PET BIRDS**

### **NOTES**

1. Validity is void if these notes and import conditions are not met. Importer is also required to meet any other condition set by other government authorities in relation to this importation.
2. Authorized port entry: As specified on permit.
3. The Director of Animal Health is to be notified seven (7) days in advance of date and time of arrival of pet birds at point of entry. Veterinary examination of birds at point of entry will be done in addition to regular inspection. For your information, the telephone numbers of veterinarians to contact are:  
  
Dr. Victor Gongora – Central Farm - Ph: 824 – 4899/4972 (**Director of Animal Health**)  
Dr. Joe Myers - Orange Walk - Ph: 322-3257 (Santa Elena Northern Border)  
Dr. Miguel DePaz - Cayo - Ph: 824-4899/4872 (Benque Viejo Western Border, and Big Creek)  
Dr. Miguel Figueroa -Belize District - Ph:224-4794/5230 (International Airport)
4. **Prior to the issue of an import permit** for the importation of pet birds:
  - a. An import risk analysis must be done and recommendations from the risk analysis must be favourable.
  - b. the Veterinary Officer in the district where pet birds will be quarantined must certify that the quarantine station meets biosecurity standards and has spoken to importer re quarantine arrangements and costs.
  - c. An import license from the Forest Department must be obtained.
5. The pet birds and accompanying documents are to be presented to the Veterinary Officer at the point of entry. Pet birds not permitted entry will be returned to origin or confiscated at the expense of the importer.
6. Any cost incurred in the processing of pet birds for entry into Belize will be borne by the importer.
7. Pet birds allowed entry into Belize will be subjected to a period of quarantine not less than thirty (30) days. During quarantine the pet birds may be retested and must be negative to any test done before released from quarantine. These costs as well as cost of supervision during quarantine period including cost of any health measure taken during the period are to be borne by the importer.
8. The vehicles used to transport the pet birds from the port of entry into Belize to the quarantine station were cleaned and disinfected.
9. No feed or bedding accompanying the pet birds will be allowed entry.

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**The pet birds are to be accompanied by an official international veterinary certificate issued by the Animal Health Authority of the exporting country and attesting**

**THAT:**

- a. The country or zone where the birds originate and proceed from is free of the following diseases:
  - a. Viscerotropic, Velogenic Newcastle Disease
  - b. Avian Influenza
  - c. Pullorum Disease
  - d. Fowl Typhoid
  - e. Egg Drop Syndrome
- b. The establishment of origin and precedence of the birds and those aviaries within a thirty kilometres radius have not, within the year prior to the date of embarkation, been under any animal health restriction due to Avian Influenza, West Nile Virus and other infectious or contagious diseases affecting avian species.
- c. The following diseases have not been detected in the establishment of origin and precedence within one year prior to shipment:
  - a. Fowl cholera
  - b. Mycoplasmosis (*M. gallisepticum*)
  - c. Salmonellosis (*S. enteritidis*, *S. typhimurium*)
  - d. Avian Tuberculosis
  - e. West Nile
  - f. Newcastle Disease
  - g. Avian Influenza
- d. The pet birds have tested negative to the following diseases:
  - i. West Nile Virus: Ig M capture ELISA
  - ii. Newcastle Disease: Haemagglutination Inhibition

- iii. Avian Influenza: AGID and an antigen detection test
- e. The pet birds have been treated within the thirty days prior to shipment for endoparasites and ectoparasites (indicate date of treatment and product used).
- f. The pet birds are certified within three days of shipment to be in good health and show no signs of fresh wounds, wounds in the process of healing, tumours, ectoparasites and signs of infectious and contagious diseases.
- g. The boxes or cages used for transporting the pet birds are new and were not exposed to contamination by any infectious agent affecting the species.

#### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. The pet birds are to be inspected at the port of entry into Belize and are not to show any signs of fresh wounds, wounds in the process of healing, tumours, ectoparasites and signs of infectious or contagious disease.
2. *See accompanying notes.*

Central Farm, March 2006